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QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL GENEVA 11762

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, UNGA, CY, TU  
SUBJECT: ICRC DECISION ON PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE ON  
MISSING PERSONS IN CYPRUS

REF: GENEVA 11716

1. AT ITS MEETING THIS MORNING (DECEMBER 8), THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) REVIEWED OUR REPRESENTATIONS REPORTED REFTEL AND THE CLARIFICATION OF POINTS A THROUGH D SUBSEQUENTLY MADE IN THE SIEVERTS-HOCKE TELCON. THE OUTCOME OF THIS

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MORNING'S DISCUSSION WAS A DECISION THAT, ONCE THE ICRC HAD BEEN FORMALLY REQUESTED TO PARTICIPATE -- A REQUEST WHICH THE ICRC WANTS TO BE MADE BY HAVING THE OTHER TWO PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT SUBMIT TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE ICRC A JOINTLY INITIALED COPY OF THEIR AGREEMENT -- THE ICRC WOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC STATEMENT:  
QUOTE THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS EXAMINED THE REQUEST

SUBMITTED TO THE ICRC BY THE TWO PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT IN CYPRUS. THE ICRC IS WILLING TO LEND ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE TWO PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM AND TO ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH THE FATE OF PERSONS POSTED AS MISSING ON CYPRUS. UNQUOTE

2. THIS PUBLIC STATEMENT WOULD BE FOLLOWED-UP BY A LETTER FROM THE ICRC TO THE OTHER TWO PARTIES FORMALLY ACCEPTING THEIR REQUEST THAT THE ICRC PARTICIPATE. FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY THIS LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE WOULD STRESS: (A) THE HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER OF ICRC'S PARTICIPATION; (B) THE LEGAL BASIS ON WHICH THE ICRC INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE (PROBABLY CITING THE RELEVANT ARTICLES OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION); (C) THE INTENTION OF THE ICRC TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OBTAINED BY THE COMMITTEE AT THE END OF THE FIRST SIX MONTHS AND, THEREAFTER, ON A REGULAR BASIS -- PROBABLY EVERY THREE MONTHS; AND (D) THE NEED TO WORK OUT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL COSTS TO THE ICRC OF ITS PARTICIPATION. END FYI.

3. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING SCENARIO, THE ICRC WANTS THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF THE CURRENT TEXT OF THE MISSING PERSONS AGREEMENT (WHICH SAYS THAT THE ICRC WOULD ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE) DELETED FROM THE TEXT.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, WE BELIEVE IT IS URGENT THAT WE BE ABLE TO CONFIRM TO THE ICRC THAT WE AND ALL OTHER PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT ARE AGREED ON THE FOREGOING SCENARIO WHICH WE RECAPITULATE AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE DRAFT TEXT IS CHANGED TO DELETE PARAGRAPH 14 BEFORE FINALLY BEING AGREED TO.

B. THE OTHER TWO PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT SUBMIT TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE ICRC A JOINTLY INITIALED COPY OF THE AGREEMENT.

C. THE ICRC ISSUES THE PUBLIC STATEMENT QUOTED ABOVE.

D. THE ICRC RESPONDS WITH LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE.  
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